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Sen. Cropsey announces new Ionia County development supported by state renaissance zone

LANSING – Ionia County will see new development and job creation after state approval of a an Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone that allows the expansion of Sunny Fresh Foods in Odessa Township, Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, announced today.

“I congratulate Sunny Fresh Foods on finding success in Ionia,” Cropsey said. “It’s refreshing to see positive economic news in mid-Michigan and I’m pleased the state is able to help create jobs here.”

Sunny Fresh Foods plans to expand its facility after winning a new contract with McDonald’s. They will build a 78,000-square-foot expansion, resulting in an investment of \$22 million and the creation of 30 jobs. The State Administrative Board approved the zone this week.

Michigan leaders created Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zones to encourage the state’s agriculture industry, which employs 500,000 people. The zones, like original Renaissance Zones, are exempt from all state and local taxes for qualified agriculture processors who want to expand or begin operations in Michigan. The purpose of the zones is to keep the state’s raw commodities in the state and help state farmers.

Sunny Fresh Foods provides egg products to the food-service industry.

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